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## Information Nights

Information nights will be held from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at these three sites:

### **University of Saint Mary of the Lake**

800 Building, Room 106  
1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, Illinois  
**Monday, May 8, 2017**

### **Saint Xavier University**

Andrew Conference Center, Room 102  
3700 West 103rd Street, Chicago, Illinois  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

### **Benedictine University**

Kindlon Hall, Room KN163  
5700 College Road, Lisle, Illinois  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2017**

*Check our website in April for any changes of rooms, dates or times for the Information Nights.*

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## Program Cost

The program cost is \$1,200 per year, which includes tuition, retreat, and formation expenses. Students are responsible for the cost of course textbooks. Monthly payment plans are available.

Students may choose to pay the full amount (\$1,200) independently or negotiate with their parish or sponsoring agency to share the cost.

There is an additional graduation fee of \$30 for Year II students which covers the rental of the cap and gown.

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## How Do I Begin?

If you are a baptized and confirmed adult Catholic, all you need is a desire to grow in knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

You can find more information about the program and the application process by visiting our website, [www.instituteforlayformation.org](http://www.instituteforlayformation.org). You can also download and print the application and recommendation forms from the website. There is a \$40 non-refundable application fee.

## Application Process

Applications are accepted through **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Early applications are encouraged. Once an application, application fee, recommendation form, and a photo-copy of your Baptism Certificate are received, you will be contacted for a personal interview. Any late applications will be considered based on availability.

**For more information or  
to request an  
Application Packet,  
contact Bob Alexander:**

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# Lay Leadership Program

*A Lay Ministry Formation Program*  
**2017-2018**



**INSTITUTE FOR  
LAY FORMATION**

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Mundelein, IL 60060



## Is This Program for Me?

Lay Leadership is a two-year program designed to form the laity of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet for ministry within the Catholic Tradition. The program serves several constituencies, including adults involved in volunteer ministries at the parish level and those who seek quality Catholic enrichment. Additionally, the program fulfills part of novitiate formation for several religious orders. With the successful completion of the program, students receive a Certificate of Studies from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake.

## Opportunities for Participants:

- ◆ Growth in their faith and spirituality
- ◆ Growth as human persons in the Divine Image
- ◆ Engagement in deep, systematic study of Catholic doctrine, Scripture and sacraments
- ◆ Classes with top scholars and Archdiocesan leaders, including faculty from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake and Benedictine University
- ◆ Development of confidence and practical skills for active participation in the life of the Church
- ◆ Participation in a cohort, learning in a supportive community and building valuable relationships with other Catholics who are passionate about their faith

## Program Components

### Academic Courses

- ◆ Revelation and the Creed
- ◆ Liturgy, Sacraments & Prayer
- ◆ Catholic Morality
- ◆ Old Testament
- ◆ New Testament
- ◆ Church History and Vatican II
- ◆ Ecclesiology



### Formation Days

- ◆ Opening Retreats, Year I and Year II
- ◆ Introduction to the Pillars of Formation
- ◆ Human Formation I & II
- ◆ Spiritual Formation I & II
- ◆ Intellectual Formation
- ◆ Pastoral Communication Skills for Ministry—Year I
- ◆ Pastoral Formation—Year II
- ◆ Catholic Identity—Year I
- ◆ Integration Seminar—Year II

## Academics

Adult learning style classes consist of lecture, small and large group discussions as well as written integration assignments. While this is a non-graded program, students are evaluated at the end of each course as to their successful completion and comprehension of the content, both academically as well as personally and pastorally.

Classes meet weekly on Monday evenings throughout the academic year. The sites include:

- University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein
- Saint Xavier University, Chicago
- Benedictine University, Lisle

## Formation

All students begin the year with an Opening Retreat weekend in August. In addition to the yearly retreat, participants come together for prayer, input, and reflection, usually one Saturday a month. We begin our monthly Formation Days with Mass at 8:30 am and end at 3:30 pm.

The formation process engages the students in the four pillars of ministry formation: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral.

